Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday. Let’s hope the weather stays warm and spring like.

Term 4 is the busiest of all of our busy terms, it is always a challenging and rewarding term. We have Healthy Harold visiting our school, Kindergarten Orientation, Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell, to name a few of our activities. I look forward to working with you all to ensure our students continue to work hard and to continue to do well in each of their classes. Please note: The 2014 school year concludes on Wednesday 17th December.

Oran Park Woolworths Opening

A great big thank you to all of those wonderful families who supported our school’s involvement in the recent opening of Woolworths in Oran Park. It was wonderful to see so many of our children attend the event, in their school uniform, to join in with Harrington Park Public School in singing the National Anthem. Thank you also to Mrs Banfield who led the singing and to Mrs Bradley and Mrs Duffield who joined us at this event. Woolworths was very generous and donated $1000 to our school. This money will be used to purchase resources for the library.

School Canteen

As of this Wednesday, our canteen opening hours will be changed. Made Fresh have agreed to return to our original opening hours. The canteen will again be open at the beginning of school and during our first break. All orders need to be given to the canteen and not the school Administration Office. Breakfast and lunch are available to order. Our first break includes 10 minutes supervised eating time. During this time the majority of our students eat their lunch. I thank you for your understanding and patience with this.

Healthy Harold

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school in November. This program will operate for three days, from 3-5 November. The cost is $5.00 per student.

School Surveys

Over the next couple of weeks you will receive some voluntary surveys. Your feedback is important to us. The data from the surveys will be analysed and the information will assist us in our future planning. The
results of these surveys will be reported in the 2014 Annual School Report, available mid next year. The first survey is regarding our school leadership and will be sent home today to the eldest in each family. This is an important area to survey, so that we can improve our service to the Oran Park school community.

**Nut Awareness Policy**
Thank you all for your ongoing support with this very serious health issue. The Canteen adheres to the guidelines required to ensure our students who have anaphylaxis are safe. Just a reminder that:

*We request that students do not bring nuts to school. This includes peanut butter/nutella sandwiches, bags of nuts, nut bars.*

**Weekly Assembly**
Our weekly assembly is held each Friday at 2.40pm in the school hall. All are welcome to attend. At this assembly our student’s receive awards and there are often class performance items or great work shared. You are all welcome to attend.

**Kindergarten Orientation for 2015**
Transition to school for our new kindergarten enrolments for 2015 will take place this term. The dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 28 October
- Wednesday 12 November
- Thursday 27 November

**Approaching our School**
I have included with this newsletter information in regards to approaching the school. There are protocols that will assist you with your communication with our staff. Please be aware if you have a query regarding a member of staff, please discuss this with the staff member in question or with an Assistant Principal or with the Principal.

**P&C Meeting**
Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 28\(^{th}\) October at 6.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Come along and join this great group of parents who support our school. At present the P&C are working towards raising funds for air conditioners for more of our classes. Mrs Murphy, our President, has also submitted a grant to air condition our library. The outcome of this grant will be available in December, fingers crossed! The hard work and dedication of these parents is to be commended.

Have a great week everyone!

_Donna Shevlin_

**Life Education**
From 3\(^{rd}\) November until 5\(^{th}\) November the Life Education van will be visiting Oran Park Public School. Students will visit the van for lessons about Child Protection and Drug Education.

All students are expected to attend these lessons. The cost for the program will be $5.00. This is a reduced price as our P&C are covering $5.00 per student through their generous fundraising. A permission note was sent home last week and payment needs to be made by Thursday 30th October.

_Mrs Treble – Organising Teacher_
Camp Australia – OOSH

Welcome back for term 4!

The team at Camp Australia are excited to catch up on what the children got up to in the school holidays. The children that attended our holiday program had so much fun during holiday club, learning new things and being involved in fun and exciting experiences. We are very excited to see what our next holiday club has in store for us! Our upcoming themes that the children are excited to be involved in and learn about this term are Halloween, sun safety, theme park experience and many more fun activities. The team at Camp Australia is looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces around the school again and meeting some new faces and welcoming them to our friendly service. We will be speaking at assembly on 31st October 2014, just to say hello and to introduce our newest Camp Australia team member Elle. It will be a great opportunity to speak to us one on one as well, if you are interested in our service or have any questions. Some sad news, Corinne will be leaving us to Co-ordinate at Ingleburn North Public School OOSH but she will visit us when she can. I'm sure she will miss us all and will do great things at her new placement.

We make kids smile.
Contact information:
Camp Australia Oran Park Phone: 0406 934 095
Camp Australia Hotline: 1300 105 343

2015 School Planning

The end of the 2014 school year is fast approaching and we are now beginning to look at our enrolment numbers for 2015. We are asking parents/carers to complete the slip below if their children are not returning to Oran Park Public School next year. Can you please also advise what school they will be attending in 2015.

Should your child be returning to school after the start of the school year (28th January 2015) due to family holidays etc. can you please complete the slip with the date of return and the reason for the absence.

This information assists us greatly in planning for the coming year.

Students not returning in 2015 or returning after 28th January 2015

Student’s Name: ________________________________ Class: __________
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☐ Will not be returning in 2015
Name of school student/s will be attending in 2015 ________________________________
☐ Will be returning on ________________________________
Reason: ________________________________________________________________________
PBL—Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, (Week 2), our PBL focus is following the handball rules and staying in the correct area.

The value focus is: Be Organised, Proud, Productive and Safe.

We are learning this because:

- It is important to know what the staff expects and to follow instructions.
- We must uphold our school values.
- We need to know what we should and should not do.
- People are making up their own handball rules.
- People are arguing and not enjoying the game.
- Some people are becoming angry and aggressive because they feel the rules are unfair and that they change all the time.

Mr Browne’s HANDBALL Rules!
No more than 10 players per game
No replays or redos
Rush can happen at any time
Drill on the serve, means the server must get the ball back
Rush and Drill, means a quick serve that you must return to the server
If you play a full, or dubs (double bounce) you’re out!
If you play a full, and another person also plays the full, it’s forgotten
No poisons. If you leave, you lose your spot
If you are the only one who thinks you are not out, you’re out!
If you’re out, YOU ARE OUT! HACK IT!

OUR “DID YOU KNOWS?” WERE:

- We may never, ever go down to any classroom at break time. Teachers will not let you do this. If found in these areas, you will be reported as being out of bounds. If you were out of bounds, you may get hurt and nobody would know you were there. You may also be blamed for something you didn’t do.
- Ropes are for skipping. You should never play tug-of-war with the white ropes. They are dangerous. They can snap and hurt you. Never tie them around your body.
- The green doors of the hall, under the assembly cola, are calm down areas. If you are angry or upset, you can sit at the doors, take some deep breaths and count to five. When you feel better, you can talk to a teacher or return to your play area. IF YOU FEEL OUT OF CONTROL, GO DIRECTLY TO TALK TO A TEACHER.
IT’S FREE

All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The Public Dental Service

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE
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